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# LETTER, &c.

Dear SIR,

**A**S you desire my Directions for your intended Tour to *Paris*, so that you may be enabled to perform it in the most expeditious and saving Way\*, that well may be to do it pleasurabley, I shall without Ceremony, or further Introduction, begin to set you out.—Get a Portmanteau Trunk, and put in it some Linen and common Necessaries for Travelling, and a *French* Grammar and Dictionary, and in your Pocket about twenty Guineas or *Louis d'ors* (no Matter which, for they will exchange your Guineas at *Calais* for *French* Money) and Letters of Credit upon Sir *John Lambert*, Mr. *Selwyn*, Mr. *Waters*, Mr. *Paul Verron*, or some of the

\* *The Tour, as here laid out, will cost a single Gentleman, if alone, forty-five Pounds Sterling; if two together, only twenty-five Pounds each; and if four go together about twenty Pounds a-piece, besides what they lay out in Clothes.*

English Bankers in *Paris*; and if you chuse to go on Ship-board at *London-Bridge* instead of going by Post-Chaises, or the Coach to *Dover*, you may for that Purpose, almost any Day at Two o'Clock, on the *French Walk* upon the *Exchange* in *London*, speak with Captain *Gilby*, or his Son-in-law; who are Masters of the *Calais* and *London Pacquets*, one of which are generally here, and they are both very tight and good Vessels, and the Price for your Passage is only a Guinea to set you down at *Calais*, and it may not be amiss to take with you on board a small Collation of cold Meat, and two or three Bottles of Wine, &c. to serve you in the Passage, which may probably hold you from twenty to forty Hours: If you fall down the River, by this Method the Prospects from thence into *Kent*, all the Way from *Deptford* to the *Downs*, are well worth your Observation, neither is the Land-way from *London* to *Dover*, thro' *Rochester* and *Canterbury*, barren of pleasant Prospects, and Things worthy of Notice; However, 'tis Odds but you will come home this Land-way, because on your Return to *Calais*, you'll scarcely chuse to stay long waiting there for *Gilby*, or his Son's sailing thence to *London*; and if you go by Land and ship at *Dover*, or come home from *Calais* thither in one of their *Dover Pacquets* (as those People mostly do who have great Dislike to Sailing, and to the Water) the Price or Fare is half a Guinea, and the Mate and Cabin-Boy who wait upon you on board, either from *London* or *Dover*, expect one Shilling each as their Perquisite; and some who go

from

from *London* will give the Mate half a Crown. If you go from *Dover* to *Calais*, or return that Way, and are several in Company, so that you would hire a *Pacquet* or Vessel to yourselves, the Price of such whole Vessel for the Trip directly over is five Guineas; though sometimes they will do it in a pretty good Vessel for much less Money.

When you land at *Calais*, you'll meet with Men-Waiters, who can speak *English*, and make it their Business to ply there, on our *English* Vessels coming in, and who will conduct and attend you in *Calais* till you have done your Business there, and are got into your Post-Chaise for *Paris*; one of them you'll pitch upon, no Matter which, and then a Soldier from the Guard, which is always mounted upon the Quay, or Landing-place, immediately will come and take you into a Searching-Office just by, in the Outer Room, where you must give in your Name and Quality, and the Purpose of your coming over, and intended Tour; thence you are shewn into a small inner Room, and there very civilly searched by the proper Officer, who only just presses upon your Coat Pockets, or outer Garment; afterwards the Soldier conducts you to the Governor's House (which is not much out of the Way to your Inn) where you are shewn to the Governor, or if his Excellency is out, or engaged, then are you shewn to one of his Domesticks; and some say, they have been actually shewn to an old Woman, his Cook, in the Absence of the rest: However, this Farce being over, you are at Liberty to proceed to your Inn (*the Silver-Lion*) attended by the Person or

Servant whom you pitched upon at the Water-side, and who, as I said before, sticks by you, attending, &c. as if he actually belonged to you untill you leave *Calais*; your Portmanteau and Things are immediately carried by Porters from the Ship to the Custom-house, without any Orders of yours, and there they lie very safe, till you go or send your Servants thither with your Keys to have them searched, and what they there call *plumbed* with a leaden Stamp for *Paris*; after which you must not open the Custom-house Cordage and Plumbing till you get to *Paris*; for on going out of *Calais*, and at several other Garrison Town-Gates, both your *Calais* Custom-house Pafs, (which they give you in Writing, and which you must take care of) and also the plumbing of your Trunks are examined, therefore you had best take out at the Custom-house at *Calais* what Necessaries you may want on the Road, which cannot be many, as you'll not be more than two Days, or two and a half in performing your Journey, and this too without travelling by Night. The Fees at the Custom-house, for the Pafs, for your Clothes and Necessaries, which they call *Hardres*, and for the plumbing your Trunks are very trifling; but if they are civil in their searching, and don't tumble about your Clothes, each Traveller generally gives the Officer half a Crown, which he receives with *Congees*, &c. in Satisfaction for both the Fees and his Gratuity; and indeed half a Crown for two single Gentlemen, with only each a Trunk, may be enough for both.

The Porters who carry your Goods from the  
you, Ship to the Custom-house, and from the Custom-  
house to the Inn, will impose upon you, if they  
can, nor will your honest Attendant protect you ;  
these Porters are just as our Watermen, never  
satisfied, and your Attendant, perhaps, goes  
till Snacks with them ; about a Livre, or ten Pence,  
for carrying each Trunk will pay them, unless  
they cheat you, and three Livres, which is Half  
a Crown, when you get into your Post-Chaise,  
will handsomely pay your Attendant, who is him-  
self too proud to carry any thing bigger than a  
small Hand-basket, or your Great-Coat, but is  
always in Readiness, and goes with you to the  
Custom-house, &c. and assists you in getting  
Change or small Money, and taking Care that  
you pay right, &c. all which, for a Day or two  
at the first, you will be a little unready about. You  
have the Privilege, if Occasion, of carrying a  
great Weight of Portmanteaus and Trunks, &c.  
behind your Post-Chaise, so that to see the  
Packing or first Outset of some, who have much  
to carry, would incline one to think that the French  
had able Horses to draw Post-Chaises thus loaded ;  
but in Truth they have not : For you'll find one,  
and sometimes two, of your three Horses not to  
be much bigger or stronger than a large Grey-  
hound ; however, the middle one is generally  
pretty stout, and whether they add two more or  
barely one for the Postilion to ride, object not,  
you'll go the faster with two ; for the third Horse,  
if you insist of having him, is often poor and  
lame, and retards, rather than helps you on ; but  
the

the Roads are good, and you'll go with any Horses very near a Post an Hour, which is six Miles. A good deal of strong Cordage will be wanted to fasten your Trunks behind the Chaise, if they are any thing large, and 'twere well if, in that Case, you took the Cordage with you, for you'll else be to pay a Price for it there that will make you amazed; perhaps five or six Liyres for what will cord on a Couple of middling Trunks. If you are alone, and so choose to ride Post a Horseback, 'tis only stopping till some Company or Gentlemen from *Calais* go thence in Post-Chaises, and you may with their Leave, and 'tis scarce ever denied, have a Horse as Part of the Retinue, at only ten Pence a Post Stage, which will be a considerable Saving to you.

But before I set you out from the Inn, I must give you Directions how to hire your Chaise, and an Account of the Coins in use, and how to pay the Post Stages on the Road, and where to bait, &c.

I have presumed you to arrive at *Calais*, just before Dinner-Time, and to be at the *Silver Lion* there; and although my Landlord, Mr. *Grandfire's* Visage or Countenance has in it more of the Old than New Testament, and his House has sometimes been complained of as extravagant, &c. yet I protest, and I speak it from the Experience of several Times being there, it is as good and as reasonable an Inn, as can in general be met with in any of the Southern Parts of *England*. His Provisions, Lodgings, Liquors, &c. are good and

and cheap enough ; indeed his present Price for the Hire of your Post-chaise, you'll think, and in my Judgment is, more than it ought to be. The Post-Houses only find you Horses ; you must hire your own Chaise to *Paris*, and Mr. *Grandsire*, who hath the best Choice in *Calais*, will have three Guineas for the Hire of one to *Paris*, or you'll have one that's dirty and uneasy to ride in, and even for such a shabby one, you must, now a-days, pay two Guineas and a half, and the saving of half a Guinea in this Article is not worth while ; for three Guineas, and civil speaking to *Grandsire*, he will look you out one that is hung upon Springs, with good Glasses, &c. and roomy, and which will carry you as pleasant and easy as a well hung Chariot here. You agree all this with Mr. *Grandsire*, whilst your Dinner is dressing ; and pray observe not to be too free with their small Wines, which, like the Water in *Paris*, will certainly flux you, if you drink them in Draughts. After you have dined, you go to the Custom-House with your Keys, as before-mentioned, and at your return with your Trunks, &c. to the Inn, they will be tied to the Chaise whilst you are paying the Porters and your Inn Bill, and you may go that Evening to *Boulogne*, which is three Posts and a half, or twenty-one Miles, and there you'll find the *Red Lion* as good a House as *Grandsire*'s, or as any English Inn, and I recommend you to stay all Night there, because there is no tolerable Lodging-Place afterwards for several progressive Posts.

After

After you pass *Boulogne*, you'll not find the Beds like ours in *England*, they raise them very high with several thick Mattresses, and whoever is fearful of lying so lofty, must take care and order the Maid, in Time, to throw off several Mattresses before she sheets the Bed; and as their Linnen is ill washed and worse dried, you yourself must take particular Care to see the Sheets aired, after you pass *Boulogne*, or you'll be forced to get out of your Bed again to have it done; this is bad sometimes in *England*, but in *France* 'tis superlatively worse; so that one would think *Frenchmen*, who can bear this kind of wet Linnen (as they are said all to do) need never fear taking Cold by any Accident or Means whatever; as to an *Englishman*, scarce any Thing is more terrible to him than damp or wet Sheets, and yet I have actually catched them in *France* about to sheet a Bed with Linnen almost what we call wringing wet. I drive you thus quickly thro' *Calais*, because nothing there is much worth staying to observe; and I have been more prolix in my Detail of this your Busines in, and setting out from, *Calais*, because it will be a new Scene to you, and the Place where you will most want minute Hints; for being well set out thence, and thus instructed, the Difficulties of your Journey are three Parts over.

*Now to the COINS or current Money of France.*

**Gold.** { A Louis-d'or is like our Guinea in Appearance, and is twenty-four Livres or twenty Schelins or Shillings.

**Silver.** { An Ecu, or six Livre-Piece, is like our Crown, and of the same Value. A Demi, or Petit-Ecu, is three Livres, like our Half-Crown, and of the same Value. A Piece called Vingt-Quatre Sols, or twenty-four Sols, is like our Shilling, and the same in Value. A Livre is no Coin but Computation, and is ten Pence *English* or twenty Sols *French*. A Douze-Sols is like our Six-Pence, and is twelve Sols or Pence *French*. A six Sols-Piece, is the same as our Three-Pence, and is six Sols *French*.

**Copper with some little Silver mixed.** { A Deux-Sols, or two Sols or Sous *French*, and a Penny *English*, is the most common small Coin in *France*, and hath an *L* upon it, and is near the Size of our Six-Pence, but is Copper, with a white or silverish Mixture, and twelve of those make the Shilling, or Vingt-Quatre Sous above-mentioned.

They have also another small Piece of much the same Size and Colour, but scarce so white, and somewhat thinner, which is one Sol and a half, three Half-Pence *French* and three Farthings *English*, and when they change you a Shilling or Six-Pence, you have generally some of those along with the Deux-Sols or Two-Sous last-mentioned, and you'll soon grow familiar in the reckoning of them.

A Sol, called a Sous, is a Piece of Copper like our Half-penny, a Penny French, and a Half-penny English, twenty-four in the Shilling.

All Copper. A Deuliard is half a Sous, or a Farthing English, and alike to it.

A Liard, or Farthing French, is the Size and Value of half a Farthing English; but those small Coins below a Sous, which is a Penny French, and Half-penny English, are not worth your Notice.

You'll observe that no Coin of a former Reign will pass in this King's Time, and yet by Chance you may have a Piece of old *Louis le Grand's* pawm'd upon you, and you'll not get it off again without great Difficulty. They call in all their Coins upon the Demise of their Kings, and yet a few Pieces that have been neglected are stirring; I have found some.

I proceed now to write you down the Post Road from *Calais* to *Paris*, with the Sums you are to pay at each Place, beginning at *Haut Briffon*, for the Horses and Post-Boy included: The Post Charge for a single Post, or six Miles, is four Livres and a Half, and the Boy twelve Sous French, or Six-pence English, makes 5 Liv. 2 Sol, as you'll see in the Margin: And I also mark with a [\*] where you may best bait or lodge; and if the Post-house be not the best Inn the Town affords, then I write you down the Inn or Sign you must drive to.

## POST ROAD from Calais to Paris.

Pay thus.

Liv. Sol.

To

5 2	Which gives 12 Sous, or 6d to the Boy.	Haut Brisson	1 Post
5 2	—	Boulogne a Marquis Post.	
7 10	Which gives the Boy 15 Sous or 7d. £	* Boulogne	Post and half
7 10	—	Samers	Red Lion, good English eating and Beds. Post and half.
5 2	—	Cormont	Post
7 10	—	Montruil	Post and half.
7 10	—	Nampont	Post and half.
5 2	—	Bernay	Post
5 2	—	Nowion	Post
7 10	—	* Abbe Ville	Post and half
7 10	—	Ailly	Bull's Head, good Champaign. Post and half.
5 2	—	Flixcourt	Post
5 2	—	Pequigny	Post
7 10	—	* Amiens.	Post and half
5 2	—	Hebercourt	Good Champaign, and a merry Landlady.
5 2	—	Flers	Post
7 10	—	* Breteuil	Post
5 2	—	Wavigny	Post and half.
5 2	—	St. Just	Post
7 10	—	* Clermont	Post
5 2	—	Longueville	Post and half.
7 10	—	* Chantilly	Post
5 2	—	* Luzarche	Good Things, and a handsome Land- lady.
7 10	—	* Eaconen	Post and half.
5 2	—	St. Dennis	Post
10 4	—	Paris	2 Posts, or Post Royal.†
164 2	Which is about 6 16 9	l. s. d.	32 Posts and half.

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† From St. Dennis to Paris is not more than six Miles, but as the Post-boy is to drive you to any Part of the City or Suburbs of Paris, which you please to go to, they take of you as for two Posts, and call it, The Post Royal: And in your Return, they also take a double Post for carrying you from your Lodgings back to St. Dennis.

As I have now brought you to *Paris*, I must just hint what will befall you at the first Entrance into the Town. You'll be stopt in your Chaise and search'd more strictly than before ; that is, they will here examine your Pass and Plumbings, and also search every Corner of the whole Chaise : And on your being dismissed from this Search, you must, with an Air of Authority, order the Postillion to drive to the Hotel you intend to lodge at ; for, if possible, the Fellow will persuade you to his own favourite House, who has him in Fee ; wherefore 'tis sometimes difficult to prevail with, or even compel him to drive you to any other, especially if he finds you are an utter Stranger. You will, in all likelihood, be followed from the Place of Search, or Entrance into *Paris*, to your Hotel, by Men-Servants out of Place, who most of them can speak a little broken *English*, and have generally written Characters in their Pockets, from some *English* Gentlemen whom they have served, of their Fidelity, &c. And as there are but few who are Thieves, or even dishonest, you may venture upon one whose Character you like best, and let him immediately begin and stay with you, and assist in taking off your Trunks, &c. but hire him not till the next Day, when your Banker or *Paris* Friend is along with you, because the Wages usually given there are small, if you don't over-do it : Thirty Sous, or fifteen Pence *English*, a Day, is, I think, the usual Sum given for both Wages and Meat, Drink, Clothes, and Washing, unless you give him a Livery, which

none

none but great Men do : But if you have Victuals drest by the Cook, and sent to your Hotel, this Servant generally can dine out of what you leave, for which you don't, for this short Time, deduct any thing from his thirty Sous a Day, and he will, in that Case, be amply paid, and may afford to wear clean Linnen, and be more decent in his Dress. The Hotels *de Modena* and *de Anspach*, in *Rue Jacob*, *Fauburg St. Germain*, are as reasonable and proper for you to lodge in as any other; and if they are full, they will recommend you elsewhere in their Neighbourhood ; and you may take in your Things from your Chaise and dismiss it, and lodge for the first Night without making any Agreement, till the next Day, when your Banker or Friend there may be with you at the Bargaining. An Apartment two Pair of Stairs, for a single frugal Gentleman, will be as well as the first Floor ; and indeed the first Floor is generally let all together at a considerable Price, perhaps one hundred Livres a Week, and you'll scarce please yourself up two Pair of Stairs for less than fifteen or twenty Livres a Week, for Lodging is the dearest Article there, especially for those that stay little, and take them only by the Week. The People of the House find you nothing but your Bed and Bed-Linnen, Water-Bottle, Basin, and Towels : Your Servant will, for about fifteen Shillings *English*, immediately set you up for a House-keeper, by buying you a Tin Tea-kettle, and some Charcoal and a Dish, a Tea-pot, some Tea-cups, Saucers, Milk-pot, a Decanter, and about half a Dozen Glasses ; and

he will also buy you *French* Rolls and Sugar, and may get good sweet Butter; and for about seventeen Livres a Pound, you may buy of some of the neighbouring Milliners or Shop-keepers, Hyson Tea, as good as that in *London* of twenty Shillings; and so that in an Hour's Time you may get very comfortably to Breakfast; and as for your Dinners and Suppers, if you choose to live in a Family-way, you had best have them drest and sent in by a Cook, or from a Tavern, to your Lodgings, at your own Hour, and he will find you Linnen and Knives; and your Wine you must send for daily from a neighbouring Wine-Merchant, to whom you must be recommended by your Banker or Friend there, who will assist you in bargaining with the Cook; and for eight Livres a Day, you may have for Dinner two good Dishes and a Soup, which will well serve four of you and Servants: One of the Dishes almost always should be Mutton, for 'tis much better there than Beef or Veal; and their Hares, Partridges, and Wild-fowl are excellent: You'll scarce like any of their Soups, except the plain Gravy, with a Roll and Vermichelli in it. An *Englishman* will eat none of their Soups on Meagre or Fast-days, so that I used on those Days to forbid them sending any. If you have any odd Thing for Supper, as a Partridge, Pigeon, Chicken, a bit of Fish or so, the Cook will make you a Bill for those Supper Things, which you'll not have occasion for with any Constancy, so as to bargain for them as you do for your Dinners: And as to Dinners, if you go out of Town, or dine

dine abroad, you give Notice or Countermand to the Cook, and all is well. But for a single Person, or if not more than two in Company, the public Ordinaries seem more eligible, and you may easily get a Recommendation to the best sort of them ; and you'll there meet with Company and People from almost all Nations, and have Variety of Dishes ; and their Prices are from twenty Sous to forty a Dinner. So much for Meals : And as for your Drink, I must again remind you, that 'tis dangerous either to drink much Water, or too great Draughts of their small Wines ; for so doing will most assuredly throw you into a violent Looseness, and no Place in the delicate or polite World is so ill provided with Conveniencies for such a Condition as *Paris* is : Wherefore, that you may have no extraordinary Calls to use them, mix your Water always with the common Wines of about thirty Sous a Bottle, and drink no Wine under that Price, for the low pric'd Wines are only fit for Servants, and Persons more accustomed to them than you will be. The Wines I would recommend are the following, *viz.*

### W I N E S mostly drank at Paris.

*Bon Vin Vieux de Beaune,*, } are the best, thirty  
*And,* } Sous Red Wines, to  
*De Volnē L'ameé Passeé,*, } drink at Meals and  
mix with Water.

*Preignac*, a tolerable common White-Wine, for  
the same Purpose and same Price.

*Fron-*

*Frontignan*, excellent for a Glass } 2. 10 a Bot.  
or two, especially with Walnuts }

*Champagne*, you'll get good at } 4. 0 a Bot.  
*Paris* at }

*Caste Rotie*, is a light pleasant } drinking Wine, and more used } 2. 10 a Bot.  
to sit over than any other. }

*Hermitage*, for those who can } bear a strong Wine. } 3. 0 a Bot.

There are many other Wines, but those I think are the best. As to the Burgundies and Clarets which we drink in *London*, they are not much drank at *Paris*.

I have now brought you to eating and drinking in *Paris*, and by this Time your Banker or Friend there will have provided you with the necessary Tradesmen, the Chief of whom are the Taylor and Barber ; and as to the latter, I would beg Leave to recommend Monsieur *Giggeau* in Rue *Columbie*, as a fashionable Wig-maker and an honest Man. Your Servant, or the *Fomme de Chambre*, will find you a Washerwoman, whose Price is much the same as in *England*. And now you are provided with every Thing at home, the next thing is to get you a Conveniency to carry you abroad, that you may, with Elegancy and Ease, go to see every thing that is curious in and about *Paris*.

You had best have your Banker's Recommendation to some of the Men who lend Coaches ; and if you are only two in Company, a Chariot will be best. You may have a gay and easy gilt Coach

Coach or Chariot, and a Coachman, and good Pair of Horses, for twelve Livres, which is about ten Shillings a Day, to attend you from Seven in the Morning till Midnight, and to travel with you to *Versailles*, &c. And 'tis much best to have one, because their Hackney Coaches are dirty and mean, and few People of any Fashion, especially Strangers, either use them, or walk much in the Streets ; and you must sign a Contract for your Chariot or Coach, to have it a Month as your own ; the Lawyer or Notary draws the Contract by the Coach-Lender's Orders, and you pay five Shillings for his Fee, and one Shilling for his Clerk, who attends you to get it signed : This Contract the Coachman carries in his Pocket, to entitle him to drive you out of Town to *Versailles*, &c. and without it the Coach is not privileged to carry you out the Gates of *Paris*. But altho' you contract for a Month for the Sake of this Privilege, yet you may, notwithstanding, give up your Coach at the End of ten Days, or a Fortnight, paying for the Days you have it ; and a Fortnight will be long enough to carry you to most of the distant Places you want to see, both in *Paris* and about it ; however, 'tis as long a Time as I can, by my frugal Scheme, allow you to ride in your gilt Coach : You'll not need to begin your Coach till your Clothes are made, which will be in four or five Days ; and during that Time you may walk a little about, and go up to the Top of *Notre Dame*, &c. to familiarize yourself with the Town, which you'll not need to be an Inhabitant of for more than about three

Weeks, and yet bring home a pretty good Account of every Thing that is much worthy of Notice therein, or thereabout: And I shall now write them down for you in such Order and Situation, as will lead you to see them with the least Trouble and most Dispatch: And I shall also point out to you most of the Pieces of Architecture and Painting, &c. which are remarkably curious, and give you the Names of several of the Artists, &c. to whom we are indebted for those admirable Performances.

*Things most particularly worthy of Notice in Paris.*

The *Louvre*,    *Le Louvre*,  
 The *Tuilleries*,    *Les Tuilleries*.

The Frontispiece of the *Louvre* is reckoned one of the finest Pieces of Architecture in the World: The *Louvre* has no Garden, but the Garden belonging to the *Tuilleries* is the most magnificent in *Paris*, and is frequented every Evening by the best Company. There is a long Pile of Building, which reaches from the *Louvre* to the *Tuilleries*, the upper Part of which is a Gallery, wherein are kept the Plans of all the fortified Towns in *France*. I have not seen them, nor is it an easy Matter to get a Sight of them.

The *Palace-Royal*,    *Le Palais Royal*.

The Residence of the Duke of *Orleans*. Neither the Architecture of this Palace, nor the Gardens,

dens, are very extraordinary, though the latter is much used for Mid-day walking, by genteel Company: But the *Collection of Pictures* is the best in *France*; fail not to see them; they are always shewn of course to Strangers by one of the Duke's Gentlemen, to whom you give Half a Crown at coming away.

The Square of *Lewis the Great*,  
Otherwise called the Square of *Vendôme*, or  
*La Place Vendôme*.

At one of the Entrances into this Square is a Convent of Women Capuchins; if the Church is open as you go by, 'tis worth while to go in and see the Picture at the Altar, which is a very good one, the Taking down of *Christ* from the Cross; but it is now somewhat defaced.

*Victory Square, La Place des Victoires.*

See it: And in going out of *Paris* to the Village of St. *Dennis*, take Notice of the Gate of St. *Dennis*, *la Porte de St. Dennis*. This and St. *Martin's* Gate, *la Porte de St. Martin*, which is just by, are the two handsomest Gates in *Paris*.

In the Church of St. *Martin in the Fields*, *l'Eglise de St. Martin des Champs*, are four very large Pictures, reckoned very good, by *Jouvenet*, who painted the Altar-piece of the Women *Capuchins* before mentioned.

*The Town-houſe, or Guildhall, L'Hotel de Ville.*

The Sort of the Square before it is called *La Greve*, and is the Place where Criminals are executed. There are some Pictures in the *Hotel de Ville* reckoned very good ; and there is a Church near the *Hotel de Ville*, called St. *Gervais's*, of which the Frontispiece is reckoned as fine a Piece of Architecture as is to be seen in *Europe*.

*The Royal Square, La Place Royale,*

In which is an Equestrian Statue of *Lewis XIII.* is just worth going in to look at, though there is nothing there very extraordinary.

*The Bastile,*

Where the Prisoners of State are kept, is an odd Kind of Stone Building ; but the Infide is not to be seen.

*The Cathedral Church of Notre Dame,  
L'Eglise de Notre Dame.*

After seeing what is curious at the Altar, &c. below, go up to the Top, and you have a complete View of all *Paris*, which appears to be more than half, but not two Thirds, as large as the Extent of the connected Buildings which you see from the Top of St. *Paul's, London.*

The

The Foundling Hospital,  
*L'Hôpital des Enfans trouvez,*

Is just by *Notre Dame*, and the Children are all clean on a *Sunday Morning*, and it is worth seeing.

The *Hotel Dieu*

Is also just by the *Notre Dame*; but it is so nasty a Place from the Multitude of sick People, three or four lying in a Bed, that it is very offensive: If you would see any Hospital for the Sick, the neatest is, that of the *Charity*, *l'Hôpital de la Charité*.

The Hospital called *l'Hôpital de la Sal petriere*, viz. the Salt-petre Hospital, is for the Maintenance of poor People. I think I was told there are seven thousand Poor in it.

The Church of the *Val-de-Grace*.

The Architecture of the Outside of this Church is very much admired; and near to it is a *Monastery of English Benedictines*, in whose Church are the Bodies of our K. *James II. and his Daughter*, above Ground. These Monks being all *English*, are very civil to their Countrymen, and any of them you meet with, will, if you chuse it, come and dine with you at your *Hotel*, and inform you fully about *Paris*, its Monasteries and Nunneries, and

and of any thing else you want more circumstantially to know in or about *Paris*.

Near to this Monastery is a *Convent of Carmelite Nuns, les Carmelites* (to which the Queen of *France* belongs.) There are several very good Pictures in their beautiful Church; the two best are, *the Annunciation, or Salutation of the Virgin on one Side of the Altar, painted by Guido*; and *Mary Magdalen repenting of her Sins in one of the small Chapels at the Side of the Church, painted by Le Brun.*

### *The Observatory, L'Observatoire,*

For the Use of Astronomers, and from its Top you see most of *Paris*. Near it is

### *Les Chartreux,*

A Monastery of *Carthusian Monks*, is well worth seeing, (but they don't admit Ladies) the Monks of that Order admit no Women near 'em; they wear a Cloathing like a Blanket, and rise in the Night to pray, &c. you may go in on a *Sunday Afternoon* and see them at Church, and afterwards see their Paintings. The most considerable Thing is the History of *St. Bruno*, the Founder of their Order, painted along the inner Side of their Cloysters, *L'Histoire de St. Bruno*. Those Pictures are chiefly admired for the lively Representations of the Passions; the best Picture in their Church, is a very large one on the Left-hand of the Altar, representing *Jesus Christ* curing the Sick, painted by *Jouvenet*, mentioned before.

The

### The Sorbonne

Is a College for teaching Divinity, founded several Centuries ago by one *Robert Sorbonne*, and rebuilt by Cardinal *Richlieu*. The Cardinal's Tomb is in the Church; see it and the Library. Near to the *Sorbonne* are the Ruins of a Palace of the *Roman Emperor Julian*, called, *Le Palais des Thermes*.

The *Church* of the *Abbey of St. Germain* is a good Church, and you will most likely lodge near it. The *Faubourg*, or Suburbs of *St. Germain*, being the gentlest Part of the Town, and the best Hotels for Lodging are therein.

### The Luxembourg Palace, *Le Palais de Luxembourg*.

The Architecture of this Palace is reckoned very good, but you must not omit seeing the Gallery, painted by *Rubens*, representing the History of *Mary of Medicis*, Wife of *Harry the IVth*, of *France*, Mother of *Lewis the XIIIth*. *Ruben's* Figures, though very inelegantly drawn, are finely coloured, and reckoned more animated than any other Painter's. The Gardens are walked in, and accounted pleasant, but are not fine.

### The Goboblins, or Gobbelins,

Is the Royal Manufacture of Tapistry, prodigiously improved, and very well worth seeing;

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and in your Return from hence, call at the King's Physic Garden, wherein you'll find a Mount of pretty easy Ascent, from whence you'll have another pleasant View of *Paris*, and of the Country about it.

### *The Palace, Le Palais,*

Is a Building where the King of *France* formerly resided, now made use of for the Courts of Justice, and for the Sitting of their Parliament. Near it is a Church, called



### *The Holy Chapel, La Sainte Chappelle,*

Built by St. *Lewis* (*Lewis the IXth of France*) is looked upon to be as good a Piece of Gothic Architecture, as is any where to be seen.

The *Church* of the College of the four Nations has in it the Tomb of the Cardinal *Mazarine*. *Le Tombeau du Cardinal de Mazarin.*

### *The Hospital of the Invalids, L'Hôtel des Invalides.*

The Architecture of the Church therein is reckoned very fine. The best of the Paintings are the Dome, the twelve Apostles, and the four Evangelists.

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The New-Bridge, or, *Le Pont-Neuf*,

Which you'll almost daily cross over, and hath on it an Equestrian Statue of *Harry the IVth*, is the most considerable Bridge in *Paris*.

The *Gardens* of the *Tuilleries* are frequented by the best Company in the Evenings, and those of the Duke of *Orleans* at *Palais Royal* about Twelve and One o'Clock before Dinner.

The *Opera* was to me the best Evening's Entertainment. Their Scenes and Dancing are exceeding good, and the Music and Singing pretty well.

As to their *Comedy*, it did not please me, which I attribute partly to my Prejudice in Favour of those of *England*; which in general have more Variety of Incidents than theirs; and if you are not pretty perfect in the *French* Language, you'll be very poorly entertained there, and think their Dialogue too long and tedious; however, most of the *English* go a few Evenings, and the *French* themselves seem very fond of their Plays.

Having now pretty well conducted you thro' *Paris*, I shall proceed to take you to most of the fine Places and Palaces in the Neighbourhood thereof, and shall begin first with what is second to nothing of the Kind in *Europe*. I mean

## VERSAILLES.

Raised and perfected even in the Midst of a long and expensive War, by that wonderful Man *Lewis le Grand*, which with its Gardens, and those neighbouring delightful ones, *Marli*, and the Water-Works of both, are more than can be conceived unseen; your Coach will carry you hither from *Paris* in less than two Hours, and this should be on a *Tuesday Morning*, which is the public Day that Ambassadors and Foreigners of Distinction go to pay their Compliments to the King; who for that Purpose contrives to be then at Home, unless he is residing at some of his distant Palaces; you had best take a Recommendation from your Banker to an Inn there; and you'll thereby save above one half in your Reckoning; you need not get to *Versailles* till about Eleven, and having taken your Lodging-Room, and bespoke your Dinnet at your Inn, let your Coach carry you to the Palace, and go up Stairs into the Chapel where the King, the Dauphin, and the young Princesses will come to Prayers about Twelve. The Queen has Prayers there also, an Hour or two afterwards; their Majesties not generally praying together in public, but there will perhaps be the Dauphin or Dauphiness, and some of the young Princesses along with her. The King and Queen often eat together, and the Dauphin as well as the People in general are very fond of her; she hath a very grave and well looking Court, or Set of Attendants, and I dare say,

say, is an exceeding good Woman, and is almost the only one of her Sex that you'll see at *Ver-sailles* unpainted. After the King's Prayers are over, you may go into the famous and beautiful Gallery which is publicly walked in, and may strole about (being dressed) throughout almost all the Palace except the King's Apartments ; his can only be seen when he is out, which will likely be the next Morning. When you are fatuated with Rambling about in this elegant Palace, and with observing the Paintings, Furniture, &c. you may take a short Walk in the Garden next the Palace, and bespeak one of the Gardeners, whom you'll see in waiting with the Keys, &c. to be ready, and to attend you after Dinner, about Four o'Clock, to shew you every Thing there, which will hold you almost 'till 'tis Dark, even if in the Midst of Summer, and will tire you most heartily ; I mean with walking from one Place to another, for you'll scarce be weary with looking and admiring its different Beauties, unless you should be glutted, as I dare say some have been with seeing, at once, such a Profusion of delightful Works ; especially if the Waters happen then to play, as they will if any Stranger of Distinction be there that Day.—Thus pleasingly tired, you'll return to your Inn, and take a Bottle of Champaign, which may be there had pretty good, and at the same Price as at *Paris*. In the Morning you'll walk and see the *Stables*, and after Breakfast let your Coach take you to the *Menagerie*, a Mile off, where you'll see a great Variety of Foreign Birds and Beasts ; this Place

was heretofore taken much Care of, hath been lately neglected, but is now recovering again under the Dauphiness's Care; from hence your Coachman drives you to the *Trianon* at the Bottom of the Gardens, a House of entire Marble, and very curious and pretty, which you go in to see, and the Dauphin's Apartments wainscotted with looking Glass would delight and please you very much, were not the transcendent Beauties of the Gallery at *Versailles*, which you'll have seen the Day before so fresh in your Memory. At all these Places you give two Shillings or half a Crown to the Person who shews you; for notwithstanding, what you may have heard at home, that in *France* they dare take nothing of that Kind, I assure you, the Gardener at *Versailles* took half a Crown from me almost under the Window of the King's Apartments. Indeed, the Guardman who shewed us the *Menagerie* once refused our Money, because an Officer happened to be near, and in Sight when it was offered to him. After you have seen the *Menagerie* and *Trianon*, you may drive back again to, and look about in the Palace, and see the King's Apartments, if he is out; if not, you may go again to Chapel, as it will probably be just about the Hour of Prayers, Twelve o'Clock, and there you'll perhaps see some of the Royal Family, who might happen to miss Chapel the Day before, and when Prayer-Time is over, and you have seen all at *Versailles*, I would advise you to drive directly to that second Heaven upon Earth,

## MARLI,

Only three Miles from *Versailles*. At the Entrance into the Gardens (which and its Water-works, are the chief Beauties of the Place, the Palace being in the Garden, and of the same Size and Model with *Chatsworth-house* in *Derbyshire*) you'll find a Tavern, or odd Kind of House, with many Rooms in it for Entertainment, and a cheerful Landlord, and Cook, who will provide you a good Dinner in two Hours Time, and that Time at least you'll bestow in Surveying and admiring this delightful Garden and the Buildings and Water-works therein, and if there is that Day (and 'tis odds but there will) any Foreigner of Distinction there making the same Tour with you, the Waters will there also be played, which is generally performed a little after Two, and holds 'till about half an Hour after Three o'Clock, and will delight you beyond Expression: When 'tis over, you'll go in Raptures to a good Dinner, and may still heighten and enliven the pleasing Idea of your past Entertainment with sparkling *Champaign*, at the same Price as in *Paris*. You'll see I enter not into a minute Description of the particular Beauties, or rather the Wonders of this Garden, and that of *Versailles*, and of their Cascades, and what else is represented by their surprizing Water-works, no more than I do of the Paintings at these Palaces, and at the Duke of *Orleans's* Residence (*Palace Royal* before-mentioned) for a Reason which will be obvious enough

when you come to see them; namely, the Impossibility of describing, or mentioning any considerable Part of them in a Letter of this Kind; the chief Design whereof is to guide you to each Place in proper Order and Time, and to save you the Trouble of even so much as asking how, or what you had best see next during your whole Tour; indeed, where there is only a Frontispiece, a Gallery, or one or two excellent Paintings, or some other single remarkable Curiosity in any Building, Church, or Palace you'll go to see, I point these out to you, and as such I shall now take you to the *Terras* at

*St. Germains en Laye,*

Which is only three Miles from *Marli*, and to which you may drive when your Dinner is over, and if you arrive soon after Six, as you probably will, you may repair to this famed *Terras*, which is just by the Palace, and only a very little Way from your Inn; and there, for half an Hour, or till you tire, you may tread the Walk which was many thousand Times trod over by our Countrymen, who followed the Fortunes of King *James* the Second. This Palace belongs to the Kings of France, and before *Versailles* and *Marli* were produced by *Lewis* the XIVth, was much resorted to by them, and kept in great Order, and on King *James* the Second's leaving *England*, it was assigned for his Residence by *Lewis le Grand*, and King *James* and his Followers and Attendants accordingly lived therein, and in the Town adjacent,

cent, for many Years ; but since his Decease, this Palace, tho' a noble Structure, and a fine Situation, something like that of *Windsor Castle*, is growing into Decay ; and therefore the Terras is now the Chief of what you'll go to *St. Germais* for, except that it is convenient enough for you to lye at, so that you may next Morning in your Return back to *Paris* by the Way of *St. Dennis*, call and see

*The Machine of Marli,*

Which is not three Miles from *St. Germains*, and where you may arrive by nine o'Clock, and bestow one Hour at the least in surveying and examining this Prodigy, or admirable Piece of mathematical Mechanism, which no other than *Lewis le Grand* would have thought of erecting, because he had in the first Place to remove Mountains, and make a new Course for the River *Seine* for the Space of six Miles, and then to make upon it this Machine, so wonderfully large and potent, as to force the Water up into a Reservoir on the Top of a prodigious Eminence, six hundred and ten Fathoms high from the River. Those delightful Water-works in the Gardens of both *Versailles* and *Marli* before-mentioned are supplied by this Machine and Reservoir ; however, as the constant Repair of them, and of the Pumps, Conduits, or Water-pipes, &c. belonging thereto, is a very large annual Expence, this Work could only be supported by so considerable a Master as a King of *France* ; neither can  
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he, by Reason of such continual Wear and Ex-  
pence, be lavish in playing off the Waters, un-  
less at stated Times, and to compliment Foreign-  
ers, or others of Distinction, who have not be-  
fore seen them. There is in this Machine four-  
teen immense Wheels, which work two hundred  
and twenty-five Pumps, and when all are in  
their full Force, will throw up into the Reser-  
voir above eight thousand Ton of Water in  
twenty-four Hours. A Shilling will be enough  
to give the King's Guardman who shews the Ma-  
chine, and from hence you must direct your  
Coachman to drive you to *St. Dennis* along the  
Water-Way, in which Road you will pass the  
Minister (Count *D'Argenson's*) and the Gover-  
nor's of *Paris*, and several other fine and pleasant  
Country Houses belonging to the first People of  
Distinction in *Paris*; indeed, 'tis a delightful  
Ride, and if you ride it in the latter End of Sum-  
mer, in the Fields which you'll pass thro' from  
the Count *D'Argenson's* along to the Governor of  
*Paris's*, and so to *St. Dennis*, you'll see an incre-  
dible Number of Hares and Patridges; this be-  
ing the King's own, or Royal Hunt, no Body  
is suffered to kill Game all hereabouts, except  
by the King's immediate Permission. Whilst the  
young Chevalier resided in *Paris*, after his Expe-  
dition hither, he had Leave to shoot and hunt in  
this District. About one o'Clock you'll arrive at

*St. Dennis*,

And having ordered your Dinner at the Inn,  
you'll next walk out to the Church (not above  
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sixty Yards distance) which is the Burying-place of the Kings of *France*, and there you'll be introduced amongst their Tombs, and to the Hearse which now represents as if it contained the Corpse of the late King *Lewis le Grand*, lying uninterred in State. Until this Reign, the actual Corpse of the last preceding King used to be placed in a Hearse, which is now in Representation only, and used to remain there guarded till the Death of the next King, and then it was interred ; but the Trouble and Expence, as well as Difficulty, of keeping a Guard there within the Church, induced them to bury their last King's Corpse, and to let this Representation stand, which must remain during the present King's Life-Time with perpetual Lamps Burning, &c. By that Time you have been about half an Hour among these Tombs (which are well worth seeing) you'll be summoned by a Noise of a Monk's coming with a Crowd of Strangers and some Children, &c. after him, to go up a Pair of Stairs just by into a Safeguard-Room, where a great many royal and religious Curiosities are kept, and you must also march up with him ; this Shew is always at two o'Clock, and holds near three Quarters of an Hour ; amongst the Curiosities is a Model of the Antiques, present *French* Crown, which has in it *Pitt's* great Diamond exactly represented in Composition, and many other Curiosities, some of which are Antiques, and well worth seeing ; but the Generality of them being meerly shewy, and of the Toy Kind, are most pleasing to Children or very young People. For this fine Sight

you have nothing to pay, but may return *Gratis* to your Dinner, where you'll have pretty good Wine, and not be immoderately charged for it. After which you'll return in the Evening to *Paris*, and if you are not ill to please indeed, you'll sit down this Evening in your Lodging abundantly satisfied with your two Days Tour, and the rather if you are so fortunate to have the Waters play at *Versailles*, or *Marli*, or both; but if not, you'll probably hear of their being to be played at some other Time within a few Days, and you must take another Ride on purpose to see them, and may easily enough return to your Lodgings the same Evening, for the Distance is not above ten Miles to any of them.

### *Saint Cloud,*

About six Miles from *Paris*, is a Palace belonging to the Duke of *Orleans*, and hither you must go on some of your Sundays, for 'tis a pleasant Ride, and there are also very pretty Water-works which are played every Sunday till *Michaelmas*.

### *Fontainbleau,*

A Palace of the King's, forty Miles from *Paris*, delightfully situated for Field Sports and Diversions; and if the Court goes thither whilst you are at *Paris*, 'twill be well worth your going also: You'll find the same People that you inn'd with at *Versailles* moved thither; for they and many

many other Trades-People from *Verſailles* follow the Court, as Sutlers or Higglers do an Army, shifting Camps : You must go in Post-Chaises thither, or hire Horses, for 'tis too far for your own Coach ; and this distant Jant, as it may not happen in your Time, is not within my Estimate of your Expence ; therefore, if you see it, (and 'tis well worth your while) 'twill cost three or four *Louis-d'ors* or Guineas apiece extraordinary.

### *Vincennes*

Is so near *Paris*, that you may drive thither any Morning, and return home to Dinner. The Manufacture of *Puſlain* to be seen here is curious.

### The *Muette*,

Three Miles from *Paris*, at the Entrance into the Wood of *Bologne*, or *Bois de Bologne*, is a delightful small House of the King's, finished, and furnished as an elegant Nobleman's, or Gentleman's House, and therefore is by all means worth your seeing ; and if you have Leisure, and would also choose to see in *Paris* the Apartments and Furniture of a Nobleman's House in high *French* Taste, I recommend to you

### The *Hotel de Laffey*,

Which is near the Water-side, opposite the Garden of the *Tuileries*. This House is very elegantly  
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elegantly furnished, and Monsieur *Le Swiss*, a Domestic of the Marquis *de Laffey's*, will shew it to you, and you must give him half a Crown on coming away: This House and the Furniture, as well as its Owner, were raised by a late Widow Dutchess Dowager of *Bourbon*, who herself lived in the next House, the Garden whereof joins to that of the Marquis, and there is between the two Houses (which are not forty Yards asunder) an easy Communication; these Houses are much alike in Size and Model, and make a pretty Appearance when you look upon them from the Terras in the Garden of the *Tuilleries*.

*N. B.* Since the former Edition of this Letter the Marquis *de Laffey* is dead.

### Scean-House and Gardens,

Belonging to the Dutchess *Du Mogné*, is six Miles from *Paris*, and well worth seeing, if you find that you have Time for it.

Having now mentioned most of the remarkable Places in and about *Paris*, that you can well see in this short Tour, except many Hundreds of Things of lesser Note, which you yourself will observe as you pass from one of these to the other; I must think of your Return home, and for that Purpose must direct you to go to the House where *Grandſire of Calais* gave you written Directions to leave his Chaise at, and there bargain for one back to *Calais*; and perhaps you may get a good one for two Guineas and a Half,

Half, but your French Servant must be with you, and you must be very cautious and peremptory with the People, or they will pawm a very bad Chaise upon you, even after you have yourself pitched upon a good one; some of them are cursedly uneasy, not being roomy nor hung on Springs; see also that the Chaise you hire be in good Repair, and that they grease it for you: All this at *Calais* is taken Care of by *Grandfire* himself, for his own sake as well as yours; but 'tis quite different at *Paris*, you must there take Care of yourself and Chaise too: The Morning you set out, you must go or send your Servant to the Post-Office, for an Order for what Chaises you want, and if you have any body comes home with you on Horseback (as oftentimes a Peruken-maker, or some young Tradesman who hath been to *Paris* to learn Fashions, will apply to you for Leave to do) your Order must also mention a Horse for him, which the People at the Post-Houses on the Road call a Biddy; and for this Horse you pay only a Livre, or Ten-pence a Stage, and the young Man will thankfully repay you this at *Calais*, because he will thereby get home quick and cheap, and if he is good for any thing, he'll ride a little before you into every Stage, and get ready the Horses against you come, so that you'll never need to stop above two Minutes at a Stage: You pay a Trifle (about fifteen Pence) for your Post-Order, and also must then pay for the Horses (a double Post) to *St. Dennis*, and the Horses will take up the Chaise and come to your Lodgings for you and your Trunks at the

the Hour you appoint, and you may there tye on your Trunks yourselves, no *plumbing* being required for your Return to *Calais*; but you must take Care of your Post-Office-Order, which is signed by no less a Man than Count *d'Argenson*, as Post-Master-General, and by producing it, and giving Sixpence, or so, to the Guard, you'll be let through the Garrison Town Gates if you want to pass them by Night, as you most likely will chuse to do, and the rather if you have any body on Horseback with you, for by this Time you'll be familiarized to *France*, and be no more afraid of travelling by Night, than by Day, if you have a Man on Horseback, and Moonlight; I have now brought you out of *Paris*, and have two extraordinary Places in Reserve for you to see in your Way Home. The first is

### E C O U N,

An exceeding fine and pleasant House and Gardens, at the End of your second Post-Stage, fifteen Miles from *Paris*, and is well worth your stopping to see. The other is

### C H A N T I L Y,

The delightful Palace or Seat of the Prince of *Conde*, or Duke of *Bourbon*; for this Family, in a peculiar manner, take these two different Titles alternately in Succession; thus, the Father of the present Prince was Duke of *Bourbon*, this Gentleman is Prince of *Conde*, and his Son will again be

be Duke of *Bourbon*, and not only so during his Father's Life time, but when in possession of this most amiable Place, which is just thirty Miles in your Way home, for which Reason I place it last, tho' in my Opinion it is superior in many respects to most Places upon Earth; therefore, here you must stay a Day at the least; you may live at the Post-house, it is within one hundred Yards of the Palace, and almost adjoining to the Stables, which are more magnificent than can be conceived; you'll see that all the Country about this Palace is a beautiful Garden, or Woods cut in Avenues, with Fountains playing, Cascades murmuring, &c. all which you may ramble amongst, and enjoy as freely as if they were your own, and if the Prince, who is a Youth of about seventeen Years old, be at *Chantilly*, and should go out a Hunting, you may attend him, and see more Game killed in one Day, than you can in almost a whole Season in *England*; for he, within his own Territories (near a hundred Miles in Circumference) is near as absolute as is the *French* King himself within his District of *St. Dennis*, &c. wherefore there is Game preserved almost out of Number. When you are tired here, if tired you ever can be said to be, you'll bespeak your Bill, which I must caution you will be dearer than any you have yet met with, and therefore live here without ordering too many Dainties; whilst this is settling, you'll have your Horses put to your Chaise, and so make the best of your Way home, and by travelling all one Night, you may easily get to *Bologne* to lie in a good Bed the next Night,

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and so go early to *Calais* the ensuing Morning ; you cannot enter *Calais* after seven o'Clock at Night, for they'll neither compliment your Post-Office-Order, nor your Money there, but you must, if you arrive after Seven, lye in the Suburbs, and Skirts of the Town, and you'd e'en as good fit all Night in your Chaise.

At your Entrance into the Gates of *Calais*, you and your Chaise will be taken into the Custody of one of the Soldiers, who with his Firelock on his Shoulder attends, or rather conducts you to the Governor's House to be shewn there again, before your Chaise is permitted to take you on to your Inn. You'll immediately learn at *Grandfire's* whether *Gilby* or his Son-in-law be then at *Calais* with their Vessels, the *London* or *Calais* Packets before mentioned, and whether they are about to sail for *London* within twenty-four Hours ; if not there will be some of the *Dover* Packets forthwith plying you at your Inn, and you'll come well enough in one of them, at half a Guinea each Passenger ; your Trunks must go again to the Custom-house at *Calais* before they can be shipped, but now at your Return, the Search will be still milder than when you arrived there from *England*, inasmuch as they are not sollicitous to hinder your taking out of *France* almost whatever you please to leave them good *English* Money or Value for ; but indeed, you'll find every where great Civility and Complaisance from the *French*, who are not a little pleased to see the *English* coming to lay out, and expend their Money

Money amongst them; nor, to do them Justice, is real Civility towards us, as well as what is called mere *French Complaisance*, wanting in People of Fashion, and others who can gain nothing by us.

I am a little unluckily fallen upon the Topic of *French Civility* and *Complaisance*, at a Time when you are going to be almost devoured with the very rudest, but I own the lowest of your own Countrymen; I mean the Boatmen who ply off *Dover* to land you, and the Porters who carry your Trunks to the Custom-house and back to your Inn; these latter indeed advantage themselves by following the former, who will have prepared you to expect extravagant Demands and Impositions there. If the Water is so low, that you can't be landed by the Vessel you come over in, those Fellows, the Boatmen, will insist upon almost half as much for Landing you and your Trunks as you pay for your Passage over, and you can't help yourself, for the Boat that first reaches the Side of your Vessel at Sea is entitled to you and your Fellow-Passengers, and to all he can make for landing you; and if you won't come up to his Terms, you must content yourself to toss about at Sea 'till a proper Hour to get ashore in the next Tide.

On your Arrival or Landing at *Dover*, you must go, or send the Keys of your Trunks to the Custom-house there, as you did at *Calais*, and they'll be searched pretty freely by the *Dover* Officers; however, if you have little or nothing

in your Trunk but your Clothes and Necessaries, and if the Officers don't rumple and tumble them about in very rude Sort, you must make them a small Acknowledgment, and then prepare to be worried at your Inn by Five or Six, or perhaps twice that Number of Porters, who force themselves upon you to carry what one third of them might easily bear, and you must gladly pay them three Times as much as they deserve to get rid of their Noise and Teazing.

If the Stage Coach to *London* be not going off by the next Morning at the furthest, you had best go from *Dover* to *Canterbury* in Post-Chaise, so soon as you have refreshed yourself at the *Dover* Inn; and you may then get forwards the next Day in the Stage from *Canterbury* to *London*, where my Commission determines; and I have now nothing more to add but my best Wishes for your Health and Safety, through this your propofed Tour, which I flatter myself will be rendered much pleasanter, or at least a great deal more easy and familiar to you, by my Endeavours herein.

I am,

Dear Sir,

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Middle-Temple,  
June 15, 1750.

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